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Reply to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Dated 04 September 2009

This response is in reply to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the "decision" and the "Board") dated September 04, 2009, issued in regard to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/473,098 (the "subject application"). As this response is being filed within two months from the date of the decision, no extension of time is believed necessary, and Applicants respectfully submit that the response is timely. However, Applicants conditionally petition for any necessary extensions of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such extension of time has been inadvertently overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2324, referencing Docket No. 110595.00125, for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

Applicants appreciate the Board's consideration of Applicants' appeal. Pursuant to the Board's direction on page 7 of the decision, Applicants' exercise their option to reopen prosecution and avoid termination of the appeal as to the rejected claims, as Applicants have amended the claims. *See* the decision, page 7. Applicants request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Listing of the Claims, beginning on Page 2; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 11.